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Subject:

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Title: Damascene Method Employing Composite Etch Stop Layer	
Group Art Unit: 1765	Examiner: Vinh, L.
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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

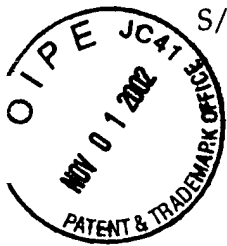
As a preliminary amendment to the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith in reply to the Examiner's Answer, please consider the following remarks:

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